

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

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## Spring-a-thon kicks off this weekend

By Joseph Garris, Jr. News Editor

Chamber of Commerce organizers are expecting this weekend's annual Spring-a-Thon to go over well despite deciding not to pursue carnival rides.

The final decision was made last week and Kershaw Chamber of Commerce's Sheila Hinson said it came down to not having enough funds to support



Hinson

don't have the money to do that," she said. The event will still have

the endeavor.

"We didn't have enough donations and the company wants \$10,000 up front and we just

plenty of activities for festival goers including inflatables and other games and activities. Vendors are expected to line Hampton Street beginning Friday night, selling food and merchandise. The first night will be highlighted by a first-time performance by beach music band, The Shakers, beginning at 7 p.m. at the main stage.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs

and enjoy music and dancing.

Saturday's activities begin with a Fun Run at 8 a.m., sponsored by Team Church. Music and other activities will get underway at 9 a.m. The Miss Spring-a-Thon pageant will begin at 10 a.m. at the main stage for ages infant to 18. Applications are still being accepted. Call Brittany Kennington at 803-246-2148 for more information

or email at kenningtonbb@gmail.com.

Entertainment continues throughout the day Saturday with a performance by Kershaw's Crooked Creek Band from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Inflatables will be set up along Cleveland Street along with a cornhole tournament.

The event will also feature a car show north of the stage on Hampton Street.

## Law would require sex abuse education

By David Kellin Special Correspondent

Each year, our schools help protect our children by teaching them how to get out of a building in a fire, how to keep safe in a storm, how to hide in a lock down, and how to say no to drugs. But what do we teach them about what to do if sexually abused. Currently, we don't educate our children about this. Erin Merryn wants to change this.



Merryn

Erin is a brave young woman who is traveling the country promoting Erin's Law. The law would mandate all children be provided with age appropriate education about sexual abuse. The law has been passed in six states already. On Wednesday, April 24, 2013, a bill was introduced in South Carolina to consider passing Erin's Law into our code of laws. Rep. Mandy Norrell introduced the bill.

I have had the pleasure of hearing Erin speak. First in 2008, and then recently in Aiken. Erin was raped multiple times between the ages of 6 and 7, by an uncle of her best friend. She kept it secret, and then the behavioral problems started in school. She was deemed to have serious behavioral disorders, sent to therapists, and psychiatrists. The school placed her on an individual educational plan. Nothing seemed to change.

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Micah Hayes, left, was voted Queen and Seth Graves, right, King at the Andrew Jackson High School 2013 Prom held recently. Photo by Tim Deaton.

## H. Springs position fits former Kershaw town leader

By Jim McKeown Jr. Editor/Publisher

Former Kershaw Town Administrator Tony Starnes is busy figuring out his role as part-time administrator for the Town of Heath Springs.



Starnes

Starnes said he committed to working two days a week at Heath Springs to help long-time Mayor Anne Taylor, who has handled the chores of administering the town, and to make suggestions for change in areas he sees can benefit.

He said the job was a good fit and the timing was right when Heath Springs Town Council member Mark Bridges called him recently to discuss coming to work for the town. Starnes said he was not interested in a full-time job, but open to working about two days a week.

"You can sit around watching TV all day for only so long," he said.

Heath Springs seemed to be a good fit to Starnes. It has an active and involved mayor in Taylor and is small enough that full-time administrator is not needed. On the other hand, its general budget of \$424,000 and

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## Volunteers needed for cemetery

By Joseph Garris, Jr. News Editor

Organizers in charge of improving Kershaw's Belk Cemetery are looking for volunteers for a work date scheduled for May 18.

Local residents Thomas Duncan and Danny Williams have held meetings to generate support for

the revitalization of the old cemetery, which formerly served as the burial site for black residents of Kershaw up until several decades ago. One of Kershaw's most prominent citizens Roxie Belk is buried there.

In February, Lancaster County

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## Pair charged in string of local breakins

Joseph Garris Jr. From Reports

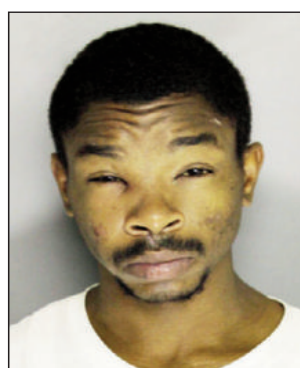
Two Kershaw men have been arrested in relation to a rash of burglaries in Kershaw during the month of April.

According to the press release from the Sheriff's Office, Therine Junior Miller, 23, 141 Connally Street, and Andre William Stewart, 21, 623 East Richland Street, are charged with multiple counts of burglary following a collection of break-ins in recent weeks.

The two admitted to breaking into Cromers April 21, the

Kershaw News-Era April 15, and K-Town Subs April 21. Stewart was additionally charged with breaking into Joann's Styling Salon April 21.

Miller is being held at the Lancaster County Detention Center on a \$110,000 bond while Stewart is being held at the Kershaw County Detention Center on an unrelated charge. He is



Miller

awaiting transfer to Lancaster County, the release said.

"We are very pleased to get these two in jail. They have been causing problems in Kershaw and we are glad to have them in jail where they need to be," Sheriff Barry Faile said.

In other incidents:

Warrants were issued last Friday for two men accused of

pointing a firearm and third degree assault during an incident in Flint Ridge May 2.

The report said officers spoke with the victim at 1548 Flint Ridge Road who said he was in a small building on the property in the tanning bed when someone knocked on the door. He went to the door and found two black males, Christopher Demond Carter, 23, 2139 Lynwood Drive, Lancaster, and his brother identified in the report as "Jock."

The men told the victim they were looking for someone named Michael and the victim told the men he did not know

where the person was. According to the victim, Carter pulled out a pistol and his brother pulled out a shotgun and began to point it at the victim telling him that they would "off him."

Carter's girlfriend reportedly approached them and began trying to get Carter into a vehicle they had driven up to the property in. Before leaving, Carter handed his brother the pistol and struck the victim in the side of the face. Carter and his brother got into a green sedan and headed towards

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